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1 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
 Assistant to the President  
 for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Joint CIA/DIA Assessment of Vietnamese  
 Communist Capabilities and Intentions

1. Attached are five copies of a memorandum entitled "Assessment of Communist Capabilities and Intentions in South Vietnam in Light of North Vietnam's Actions Since the Ceasefire." This memorandum was prepared in response to a request levied at the WSAG Meeting on 23 February 1973.

2. As requested, the attached assessment was produced jointly by CIA and DIA (acting on behalf of the Department of Defense). The cooperation and support of our Defense Department colleagues were outstanding. There was only one difference of interpretation, which is clearly noted as such in the text of the memorandum's paragraph 9.

a. The CIA believes the North Vietnamese units in the northern portion of South Vietnam's MR 1 have already made up most of the equipment and manpower losses these units suffered during the heavy fighting of 1972.

b. The DIA believes that many of the Communist units in this area are still under strength in both manpower and armor.

Attachment filed  
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*VAS Chiono*

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3. Copies of this memorandum are being sent to other WSAG principals and directly concerned senior officials in the Departments of State and Defense as indicated below.

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for   
James R. Schlesinger  
Director

Attachment

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Copy No. 6 - Secretary Richardson  
Copy No. 7 - Deputy Secretary Clements  
Copy No. 8 - Admiral Moorer  
Copy No. 9 - General Haig  
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Copy No. 12 - Acting Secretary Rush  
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DATE: 2 March 1973

TO: Mr. Harry G. Barnes  
Deputy Executive Secretary  
Executive Secretariat  
Department of State

FROM:

SUBJECT:

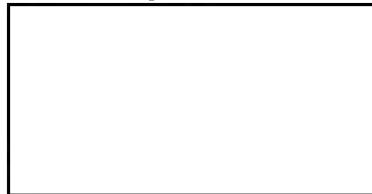
REMARKS:

Per your 2 March request, attached  
for the Executive Secretariat's use are  
two additional copies of each of the  
following two memoranda:

- a. The 1 March CIA memorandum  
entitled "Factions Among the Khmer  
Insurgents";
- b. The 1 March joint CIA/DIA  
memorandum entitled "Assessment of  
Communist Capabilities and Near Term  
Intentions in South Vietnam in The Light  
of North Vietnam's Actions Since the  
Ceasefire."

George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachments



REMARKS